

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-0168-C - ORDER NO. 2000-0595

July 21, 2000

IN RE: Application of Structus TeleSystems,)	
Incorporated for a Certificate of Public)	
Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local)	ORDER <i>view</i>
Exchange and Intrastate Interexchange)	GRANTING
Telecommunications Services, for Alternative)	CERTIFICATE
Regulation of Its Interexchange)	
Telecommunications Services and for)	
Flexible Regulation of Its Local Exchange)	
Service Offerings.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") by way of the Application of Structus TeleSystems, Inc. ("Structus" or the "Company") for authority to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. The Company requests that the Commission regulate its local telecommunications services in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation in Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. In addition, the Company requests that the Commission regulate its long distance business service, operator service, and consumer card service offerings identical to that granted to AT&T Communications in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. The Application was filed pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 58 of the South Carolina Code Annotated, and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

By letter, the Commission's Executive Director instructed Structus to publish, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the Application. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceedings. Structus complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. A Petition to Intervene was received from the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") on May 31, 2000.

On June 29, 2000, counsel for SCTC filed with the Commission a Stipulation in which Structus stipulated that it would seek authority in non-rural local exchange ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina and that it would not provide any local service to any customer located in a rural incumbent's service area, unless and until Structus provided written notice of its intent prior to the date of the intended service. Structus also stipulated that it was not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas. Structus agreed to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate to the extent that it may be required to do so by the Commission in support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates. The SCTC withdrew its opposition to the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to the Company provided the conditions contained in the Stipulation are met. The Stipulation is approved and attached as Order Exhibit 1.

A hearing was commenced on July 13, 2000, at 11:30 a.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room. The Honorable William Saunders, Chairman, presided. Structus was represented by Bonnie D. Shealy, Esquire. Adelaide D. Kline, Staff Counsel, represented the Commission Staff.

Gary L. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer of Structus, appeared and testified in support of the Application. According to the record, Mr. Williams has extensive experience in the telecommunications industry. He was employed by BellSouth for twenty-six years in various technical and management positions. His primary responsibilities at Structus include the overall operations and strategic direction of the Company. Mr. Williams determines company policies, hires and fires personnel, evaluates and negotiates contracts, promotes the financial health of the Company, and ensures that the Company has technical support for its network. Structus is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Structus Technologies, Incorporated, an integrated communications-application service provider which offers a range of voice, video, data, OSS, network management and application hosting services through a target market of ISPs, CLECs, secondary cities and multi-tenant commercial property owner clients in the southeastern United States from Virginia to Florida. The Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of South Carolina on January 20, 2000, and Structus TeleSystems, Inc. will operate as the (CLEC) competitive local exchange carrier subsidiary of Structus Technologies, Inc.

Upon receiving certification from this Commission, the Company seeks to become an integrated communications provider delivering voice, video, data and application hosting services. Structus initially plans to provide high-speed DSL data based telecommunications services using the incumbent LEC's unbundled network elements in conjunction with its own facilities collocated at the incumbent LEC's central offices. Structus also intends to offer local and interexchange services within the State. Structus will offer both local and long distance services on a full-time basis, twenty-four days a day, seven days a week. The long distance

service offerings include 1+, toll free inbound affinity service, directory assistance, and travel card services. Mr. Williams testified the company will offer operator assisted services to multi-unit locations such as hotels and motels and possibly college and university campuses.

As to the marketing of its services, Mr. Williams testified that the Company initially plans to market its services to commercial customers, with DSL offerings being the first priority. He stated he expected the Company to deploy its services in South Carolina by the end of the year 2000 at least with a soft switch or dial-around switch. The record reveals the Company's marketing plans call for direct marketing through account executives. Mr. Williams testified that Team A will be made up of an account executive and a support technical consultant; Team B will implement the services that have been sold by Team A and will work to ensure customer satisfaction. Mr. Williams stated the Company will use a Letter of Authorization and an outside source to verify that a customer wishes to change its services from another carrier to Structus.

The Company requests that the Commission regulate its business services and operator service offerings in accordance with the principles and procedures established by Order Nos. 1995-1734 and 1996-55 in Docket No. 1995-661-C. In addition, the Company requests that the Commission allow Structus to adopt the flexible rate structure for its local exchange service offerings similar to that approved by Order No. 1998-165 in Docket No. 1997-467-C.

Mr. Williams testified as to the Company's technical, managerial, and financial ability to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina. He stated that while Structus is not yet operating in any jurisdiction, it does intend to start offering services in South Carolina in late 2000. Structus has applied for certification in Florida and Georgia and expects to apply in all BellSouth states except Mississippi and Louisiana. He further stated Structus does not plan to

install its own fiber. As of the date of the hearing, Structus was in the process of negotiating an interconnection agreement. The record also reveals Structus will only utilize underlying carriers properly certified by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. Mr. Williams testified that Structus plans to work with BellSouth and BTI as underlying carriers. Structus Technologies, Inc., the parent company, operates from two locations in South Carolina. The Company's headquarters and network control center are located at 1401 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Sales and Customer Care Center office is located at 103 North Main Street, Greenville, South Carolina. At the time of the hearing, Structus and its parent corporation and other subsidiaries had twenty-six employees working out of those two locations.

The Company's customer service department will be located in Greenville, South Carolina, and will be in operation twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; customer service representatives will take calls and direct them to the appropriate department for resolution. The customer service contact person's name will be made available to the Commission in the final Tariff. Structus also intends to bill its customers directly for local exchange and long distance services through an in-house system that handles billing, all operations support systems, as well as inventory. The Company's name, address, and toll free telephone number will appear on the bill. The Company does not plan to offer a prepaid debit card at this time and additionally, does not plan to do any telemarketing. Mr. Williams testified that Structus is aware of the Commission's marketing guidelines. Kyle Herron will be the Company's regulatory contact person and can be reached at the Columbia, South Carolina, office.

Mr. Williams also testified the Company's senior management team collectively has well over two hundred years of extensive experience in the telecommunications industry. Mr.

Williams, a founder of the Company, has over thirty years of experience in the telecommunications industry. In 1995 he assembled the team that launched and deployed the iSCAN project, the first ATM-based enhanced service provider in the United States. The iSCAN project was done in cooperation with twenty-two independent telephone companies in South Carolina and provided services to major accounts in South Carolina including state government and distance learning for state universities. Mr. Van S. Gulledge, also a founder of the Company, is the Chief Financial Officer. He brings thirty years senior executive and financial management experience to the management team. Mr. Gulledge has worked with several start up companies in various executive capacities. Ms. Janet Christy, Executive Vice President of Marketing and Sales, is also a founder of Structus. She has over twenty-one years experience in telecommunications including eighteen years with BellSouth and three years with iSCAN, LP as Director of Marketing. Other senior management team members are: Todd Lee, Director of Information Technology; Dennis Dowdy, Director of Network Operations; Jill Blair, Manager, Internet Services; Kyle Herron, General Manager CLEC and Municipalities; and Gregg Vaughn, manager of Operational Support Systems.

Regarding the Company's financial ability to offer its services in South Carolina, the testimony reveals Structus has the financial support of its parent company Structus Technologies, Inc. Mr. Williams further testified that Structus has had "angel" group financing since November of 1999 that has provided financial support. He stated the Company is currently working with other investors, both in the investment banking arena and the venture capital arena to insure continuing operating capital for the next three years. All investment opportunities with venture capital groups or investment bankers are being handled through Structus Technologies, Inc., the

parent company. The parent company's financial statements were submitted with Structus' Application; the Company appears to be well financed.

In addition, the Company requested the Commission's waiver of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-631 (1976 and Supp. 1999) so that the Company will not be required to publish local exchange directories. According to the record, Structus will make arrangements with the incumbent local exchange carriers whereby the names of Structus' customers will be included in the directories published by the incumbent local exchange carriers. Structus also requested the Commission's permission to be exempt from any record-keeping rules or regulations that might require the Company to maintain its financial records in conformance with the Uniform System of Accounts. According to the record, Structus currently maintains its book of accounts in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). In addition, Structus requests a waiver of any reporting requirements which, although applicable to incumbent local exchange carriers, are not applicable to competitive providers such as Structus because it is the Company's position that these requirements (1) are not consistent with the demands of the competitive market; or (2) they constitute an undue burden on a competitive provider, thereby requiring an inefficient allocation of its limited resources.

Upon receiving certification from the Commission, Mr. Williams testified Structus will abide by and comply with the Commission's rules and regulations and Commission Orders in its operations in South Carolina. Further, the testimony reveals Structus has never had an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity denied nor has the Company ever been the subject of an investigation by a state regulatory body or the Federal

Communications Commission. Additionally, as of the hearing date, Structus had not provided any intrastate telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina.

After full consideration of the applicable law, the Company's Application, and the evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission hereby issues its findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Structus is organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of South Carolina and is authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina by the Secretary of State.
2. Structus intends to be a provider of local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services and wishes to provide its services in South Carolina.
3. Structus has the managerial, technical, and financial resources to provide the services as described in its Application.
4. The Commission finds that Structus' "provision of service will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service." S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280 (B)(3) (Supp. 1999).
5. The Commission finds that Structus will support universally available telephone service at affordable rates.
6. The Commission finds that Structus will provide services which will meet the service standards of the Commission.
7. The Commission finds that the provision of local exchange service by Structus "does not otherwise adversely impact the public interest." S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280 (B)(5) (Supp. 1999).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Based on the above findings of fact, the Commission determines that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be granted to Structus to provide competitive resold and facilities-based local exchange and intrastate interexchange non-rural telecommunications services in South Carolina. The terms of the Stipulation between Structus and SCTC are approved, and adopted as a part of this Order. Any proposal to provide such service to rural service areas is subject to the terms of the Stipulation. In addition, Structus is granted authority to provide intrastate interLATA service and to originate and terminate toll traffic within the same LATA, as set forth herein, through the resale of intrastate Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS), Message Telecommunications Service (MTS), directory assistance, travel card service or any other services authorized for resale by tariffs of carriers approved by the Commission.

2. Structus shall file, prior to offering local exchange services in South Carolina, its final tariff of its local service offerings conforming to all matters discussed with Staff and comporting with South Carolina law in all matters. Structus' local telecommunications services shall be regulated in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation first granted to NewSouth Communications by Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. Specifically, the Commission adopts for Structus' competitive intrastate local exchange services a rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels that will have been previously approved by the Commission. Further, Structus' local exchange service tariff filings are presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within thirty (30) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in

which case the tariff filing would be suspended pending further Order of the Commission. Further, any such tariff filings will be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly situated competitive local exchange carriers.

3. The Commission adopts a rate design for the long distance services of Structus which are consistent with the principles and procedures established for alternative regulation of business service offerings set out in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C.

Under the Commission approved alternative regulation, the business service offerings of Structus including consumer card services, and operator services, are subject to a relaxed regulatory scheme identical to that granted to AT&T Communications in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. Under this relaxed regulatory scheme, tariff filings for business services shall be presumed valid upon filing. The Commission will have seven (7) days in which to institute an investigation of any tariff filing. If the Commission institutes an investigation of a particular tariff filing within the seven days, the tariff filing will then be suspended until further Order of the Commission. Any relaxation in the future reporting requirements that may be adopted for AT&T shall apply to Structus also.

4. With regard to the residential interexchange service offerings of Structus, the Commission adopts a rate design which includes only maximum rate levels for each tariff charge. A rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels has been previously adopted by the Commission. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications Corporation, etc., Order No. 84-622, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (August 2, 1984).

5. Structus shall not adjust its residential interexchange rates below the approved maximum level without notice to the Commission and to the public. Structus shall file its

proposed rate changes, publish its notice of such changes, and file affidavits of publication with the Commission two weeks prior to the effective date of the changes. However, the public notice requirement is waived, and therefore not required, for reductions below the maximum cap in instances which do not affect the general body of subscribers or do not constitute a general rate reduction. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications, etc., Order No. 93-638, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (July 16, 1993). Any proposed increase in the maximum rate level for residential interexchange services reflected in the tariff which would be applicable to the general body of the Company's subscribers shall constitute a general ratemaking proceeding and will be treated in accordance with the notice and hearing provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-540 (Supp. 1999).

6. If it has not already done so by the date of issuance of this Order, Structus shall file its revised maximum long distance tariff and an accompanying price list within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. The revised tariff shall be consistent with the findings of this Order and shall be consistent with the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

7. Structus is subject to access charges pursuant to Commission Order No. 86-584 in which the Commission determined that for access purposes resellers should be treated similarly to facilities-based interexchange carriers.

8. With regard to the Company's resale interexchange service, an end-user should be able to access another interexchange carrier or operator service provider if the end-user so desires.

9. Structus shall resell the services of only those interexchange carriers or LECs authorized to do business in South Carolina by this Commission. If Structus changes underlying carriers, it shall notify the Commission in writing.

10. With regard to the origination and termination of toll calls within the same LATA, Structus shall comply with the terms of Order No. 93-462, Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement, in Docket Nos. 92-182-C, 92-183-C, and 92-200-C (June 3, 1993), with the exception of the 10-XXX intraLATA dialing requirement, which has been rendered obsolete by the toll dialing parity rules established by the Federal Communications Commission, pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (See, 47 CFR 51.209).

11. Structus shall file surveillance reports on a calendar or fiscal year basis with the Commission as required by Order No. 88-178 in Docket No. 87-483-C. The proper form for these reports is indicated on Attachment A. Attachment A consists of two pages for annual information on South Carolina operations for interexchange companies and AOS'. Be advised that the Commission's annual report for telecommunications companies requires the filing of intrastate revenues and intrastate expenses.

12. In addition, Structus is required to file annual report information for competitive local exchange carriers, a four page report attached hereto as Attachment B.

13. The Company shall, in compliance with Commission regulations, designate and maintain an authorized utility representative who is prepared to discuss, on a regulatory level, customer relations (complaint) matters, engineering operations, tests and repairs. In addition, the Company shall provide to the Commission in writing the name of the authorized representative

to be contacted in connection with general management duties as well as emergencies which occur during non-office hours.

Structus shall file the names, addresses and telephone numbers of these representatives with the Commission within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Attachment C shall be utilized for the provision of this information to the Commission. Further, the Company shall promptly notify the Commission in writing if the representatives are replaced.

14. Structus shall conduct its business in compliance with Commission decisions and Orders, both past and future, including but not limited to, any and all Commission decisions which may be rendered in Docket No. 96-018-C regarding local competition.

15. With regard to the provision of inmate calling services for local and intraLATA toll calling, Structus shall not charge rates any greater than the rates charged by the local exchange carrier at the time a call is placed. For interLATA toll calls, Structus shall not charge rates greater than the rates charged by AT&T Communications - South Carolina. Additionally, automated collect calls shall only be completed with the affirmative acceptance by the called party. The Company shall not impose any property-imposed fee on calls originating from inmate/confinement facilities. For inmate calling services, call detail information submitted to the local exchange company for billing purposes must include the telephone number associated with the Pay Telephone Access Line as assigned by the local exchange company.

For intrastate 0+ operator assisted and calling card calls originated from pay telephones outside confinement facilities and aggregator locations, Structus may not impose an operator service charge greater than the intrastate charges then currently approved for AT&T. For the

usage portion of the call, Structus may not charge more than the intrastate rates charged by AT&T Communications or BellSouth at the time the call is completed.

Structus should be allowed to incorporate in its tariff a surcharge (property imposed fee) on operator-assisted and calling card calls not to exceed \$1.00 for calls originated from payphone (excluding pay telephones associated with inmate calling service) and from aggregator locations only if the property owner has not added a surcharge already. That is, Structus may not impose an additional surcharge to calls originating from payphones and from aggregator locations if a property owner has already imposed such a surcharge. If such a surcharge is applied on behalf of a property owner, the Company should pay the surcharge in its entirety to the property owner. Further, if the surcharge is applied, the user should be notified of the imposition of the surcharge. This notification should be included in the information pieces identifying the Company as the operator service provider.

Structus is required to provide information pieces to pay telephone service providers or property owners identifying the Company as the provider of operator service for authorized calls originated from the location. Structus is required to brand all calls identifying itself as the carrier. The information pieces shall be consistent with the format approved by the Commission in Order No. 93-811, issued in Docket No. 92-557-C. For the provision of operator services, Structus shall comply with the Operator Service Provider Guidelines approved in Order No. 93-534, issued in Docket No. 93-026-C.

16. By its Application, Structus requested a waiver of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-631 (1976 and Supp. 1999) so the Company may contract with the ILECs to provide its customers with directory listings as well as to undertake the distribution of directories. We grant

a waiver of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-631 (1976 and Supp. 1999). The Company is directed to comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Commission, unless a regulation is specifically waived by the Commission.

Additionally, Structus requested that it be exempt from any record-keeping rules that might require it to maintain its financial records in conformance with the Uniform System of Accounts. Structus offered that it maintained its book of accounts in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principals ("GAAP"). Structus asserts that the Commission will have a reliable means to evaluate Structus' operations under GAAP. The Commission grants Structus' request to maintain its books and records using GAAP.

17. Title 23, Chapter 47, South Carolina Code of Laws Ann., governs the establishment and implementation of a "Public Safety Communications Center," which is more commonly known as a "911 system" or "911 service." Services available through a 911 system include law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services. In recognition of the necessity of quality 911 services being provided to the citizens of South Carolina, the Commission hereby instructs Structus to contact the appropriate authorities regarding 911 service in the counties and cities where the Company will be operating. Contact with the appropriate authorities is to be made before beginning telephone service in South Carolina. Accompanying this Order is an information packet from the South Carolina Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association ("SC NENA") with contact information and sample forms. The Company may also obtain information by contacting the E911 Coordinator at the Office of Information Resources of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board. By this Order and prior to providing services within South Carolina, Structus shall contact the 911 Coordinator in each county, as well as the

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911 Coordinator in each city where the city has its own 911 system, and shall provide information regarding the Company's operations as required by the 911 system.

18. Structus shall file annual financial information in the form of annual reports and gross receipts reports as required by the Commission. The annual report and the gross receipt report will necessitate the filing of intrastate information. Therefore, Structus shall keep financial records on an intrastate basis for South Carolina to comply with the annual report and gross receipts filings.

19. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)

BEFORE
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the State of South Carolina)
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STIPULATION

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") (see attachment "A" for list of companies) and Structus TeleSystems, Inc. ("Structus") hereby enter into the following stipulations.

As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, SCTC does not oppose Structus' Application. SCTC and Structus stipulate and agree as follows:

1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Structus, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.

2. Structus stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize Structus to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.

3. Structus stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.

4. Structus stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, unless and

until Structus provides such rural incumbent LEC and the Commission with written notice of its intent to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended service. During such notice period, the rural incumbent LEC will have the opportunity to petition the Commission to exercise all rights afforded it under Federal and State law. Also, Structus acknowledges that the Commission may suspend the intended date for service in rural LEC territory for ninety (90) days while the Commission conducts any proceeding incident to the Petition or upon the Commission's own Motion, provided that the Commission can further suspend the implementation date upon showing of good cause.

5. Structus stipulates and agrees that, if Structus gives notice that it intends to serve a customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, and either (a) the Commission receives a Petition from the rural incumbent LEC to exercise its rights under Federal or State law within such 30-day period, or (b) the Commission institutes a proceeding of its own, then Structus will not provide service to any customer located within the service area in question without prior and further Commission approval.

6. Structus acknowledges that any right which it may have or acquire to serve a rural telephone company service area in South Carolina is subject to the conditions contained herein, and to any future policies, procedures, and guidelines relevant to such proposed service which the Commission may implement, so long as such policies, procedures, and guidelines do not conflict with Federal or State law.

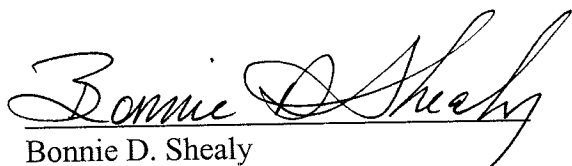
7. The parties stipulate and agree that all rights under Federal and State law are reserved to the rural incumbent LECs and Structus, and this Stipulation in no way suspends or adversely affects such rights, including any exemptions, suspensions, or modifications to which they may be entitled.

8. Structus agrees to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate, to the extent it may be required to do so by the Commission, in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. Structus hereby amends its application and its prefiled testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 29th day of June, 2000.

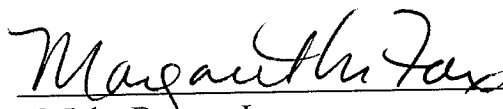
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ATTACHMENT A

South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies for Purposes of Local Service Stipulation

ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc.
Chesnee Telephone Company
Chester Telephone Company
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Ft. Mill Telephone Company
Heath Springs Telephone Company Inc.
Home Telephone Company, Inc.
Lancaster Telephone Company
Lockhart Telephone Company
McClellanville Telephone Company
Norway Telephone Company
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Pond Branch Telephone Company
Ridgeway Telephone Company
Rock Hill Telephone Company
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
St. Stephen Telephone Company
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Williston Telephone Company

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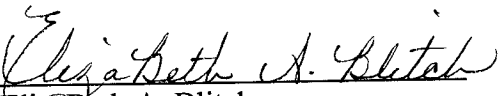
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**CERTIFICATE OF
SERVICE**

I, ElizaBeth A. Blitch, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Stipulation upon the following party of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid to:

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Columbia, South Carolina

**ANNUAL INFORMATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS
FOR INTEREXCHANGE COMPANIES AND AOS'**

COMPANY NAME _____ **FEIN** _____

ADDRESS _____ **PHONE NUMBER** _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____ **FAX NUMBER** _____

1. **SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING REVENUES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2000 OR FISCAL YEAR. \$** _____
2. **SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2000 OR FISCAL YEAR. \$** _____
3. **RATE BASE INVESTMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS FOR THE 12 MONTHS
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000 OR FISCAL YEAR:**

Gross Plant in located or allocated to South Carolina operations \$ _____

CWIP located in or allocated to South Carolina operations \$ _____

Land located in or allocated to South Carolina operations \$ _____

Accumulated Depreciation of South Carolina Plant (\$ _____ **)**

Net Rate Base located in or allocated to South Carolina operations \$ _____

4. **PARENT'S CAPITAL STRUCTURE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2000 OR FISCAL YEAR:**

LONG TERM DEBT \$ _____

EQUITY \$ _____

5. **PARENT'S AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT** _____ **%.**

6. **CONTACT PERSON FOR ALL FINANCIAL INQUIRES AND REPORTING:**

NAME _____

ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM COMPANY _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

ANNUAL INFORMATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS

FOR INTEREXCHANGE COMPANIES AND AOS'

7. ALL DETAILS ON THE ALLOCATION METHOD USED TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS AS WELL AS METHOD OF ALLOCATION OF COMPANY'S RATE BASE INVESTMENT (SEE #3 ABOVE)(USE BACK IF NEEDED).

NAME OF OFFICER SIGNING FORM (PRINT OR TYPE) _____

SIGNATURE _____

TITLE _____

ANNUAL REPORT FOR COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **FAX NUMBER:** _____

****If any of this information changes, the Commission is to be notified at once****

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT: _____

VICE PRESIDENT: _____

TREASURER: _____

CONTACT PERSON FOR FINANCIAL AND REGULATORY INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

CONTACT'S PHONE: _____

****If this person changes, you must notify the Commission immediately****

COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS

Company Name: _____

Income Statement
12/31/2000/or Fiscal Year

Particulars	Current Year-Total Company	Last Year-Total Company	SC Intrastate-Current Year
Revenues			
Operating Revenues			
Operating Expenses			
Access and Billing Expenses and Expenses Related to Resale			
Other Local Interconnection Expenses			
Leases Facilities from Other Carriers			
Communications System Operations			
Sales and Marketing			
Administration and General			
Depreciation and Amortization			
Other			
Total Operating Expenses			
Net Operating Income			
Other Income and Expenses			
Nonoperating Income and Expenses (Net)			
Nonoperating Taxes			
Interest			
Extraordinary Items			
Total Other Income and Expenses (Net)			
Net Income			

Number of South Carolina Access Lines	
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COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS

Company Name: _____

Balance Sheet-Total Company
December 31, 2000/or Fiscal Year Ending

Particulars	Balance at Beginning of Year	Balance at Ending of Year
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Accounts Receivable-Telecommunications		
Accounts Receivable-Other		
Notes Receivable		
Other Receivables		
Materials and Supplies		
Prepays		
Other Current Assets		
Total Current Assets		
<u>Noncurrent Assets</u>		
Investments		
Other Noncurrent		
Deferred Charges		
Total Noncurrent Assets		
<u>Plant Assets</u>		
Telecommunications Plant in Service		
Accumulated Depreciation		
Net Telecommunications Plant in Service		
Other Plant Assets (Net of Depreciation)		
Construction Work in Progress		
Total Plant		
Total Assets		

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COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE ANNUAL REPORT

Company Name: _____

Balance Sheet-Total Company
December 31, 2000/or Fiscal Year Ending

Particulars	Balance at Beginning of Year	Balance at Ending of Year
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Advanced Billings and Payments		
Customer Deposits		
Long Term Debt-Current Maturities		
Accrued Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities		
LongTerm Debt		
Long Term Debt		
Obligations Under Capital Leases		
Advances From Affiliated Companies		
Other Long Term Debt		
Total Long Term Debt		
Stockholders Equity		
Capital Stock		
Additional Paid in Capital		
Retained Earnings		
Total Stockholders Equity		
Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity		

AUTHORIZED UTILITY REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGULATION
103-612.2.4(b) - Each utility shall file and maintain with the Commission the name, title, address, and telephone number of the persons who should be contacted in connection with General Management Duties, Customer Relations (Complaints), Engineering Operations, Test and Repairs, and Emergencies during non-office hours.

Company Name (Including dba Name(s) or Acronyms used or to be used in South Carolina)

Business Address

City, State, Zip Code

A.

General Manager Representative (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

B.

Customer Relations (Complaints) Representative (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

C.

Engineering Operations Representative (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

D.

Test and Repair Representative (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

E.

Contact for Emergencies During Non-Office Hours (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

F.

Financial Representative (Please Print or Type)

Telephone Number / Facsimile Number / E-mail Address

G.

Customer Contact Telephone Number for Company (Toll Free)

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Signature

**If you have any questions, contact the Consumer Services Department (803-896-5230)
or Utilities Department at (803-896-5105).**